

## MY FIRST SEMESTER OF COLLEGE

The following article was written by Carolyn Chester, a student at Purdue University North Central:

Walking out of school on the last day of my first semester, I couldn't believe how fast the semester flew. Looking back, I realized that college was a lot better than I had expected. I had a great first semester of college.

I liked being in an environment where people actually learned my name, but the campus was not too small. People were friendly and I started to make new friends. I loved the independence of college where professors treated students like adults. I liked being able to decide for myself what I needed to do best to learn. Another great thing about college is having a different schedule on different days. It makes the semester go by faster. The assistance I had in Student Support Services definitely was useful in adjusting to college and helped provide accommodations I needed. Learning communities were also a lot of help to me.

The one thing I wished I had known when I started college is that it is not the goal of the professors to flunk everyone out of their classes. I hadn't realized that how students do in the class still reflects on the professor, so they want students to succeed. Also, since students evaluate professors, we have somewhat of a voice in who teaches us.

My first semester of college was better than I had expected. My advice to incoming freshmen is to take advantage of all the resources available on campus. They really do help.